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"CHRIST'S HALF-DOLE" AT GREAT YARMOUTH AND ELSEWHERE.

Information was sought in vol. vii. of the *East Anglian* in reference to an ancient customary "dole" or share of fish rendered to the vicars of Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft (and perhaps to the ministers of other fishing towns) by the fishing community. The inquiries have remained so long unanswered that the following interesting document (*Chancery Proceedings*, 39 Eliz.), which Miss Fairbrother has been good enough to transcribe and send us, will be welcomed.

It is very clear from this document that the "doles," made upon a division of the fish taken, were subject to a specified arrangement of long standing. "Christ's half-dole" is particularly named in this connection, being set apart for the Church's use, and paid to the minister possibly in lieu of a tithe of fish. The other "half-dole" was allocated to the town for the maintenance of the haven and pier. These "half-doles" may perhaps be viewed as representing an acknowledgment of personal benefits received during the voyage. "Christ's half-dole" is stated to have been worth as much as 700 marks in the time of Edward III., but it had fallen as low as 60 marks in the reign of Henry VII., clearly owing to a decline of the fishery. Probably also the actual participators of the spoils of the sea had so increased in number that "Christ's half-dole" correspondingly diminished; and subsequently, after a kind of composition or money payment on the several vessels engaged in the fishing had come into force, the ancient custom passed into desuetude.

Some years ago considerable discussion and litigation took place in Yarmouth and elsewhere as to the right to demand this or an equivalent payment. It is now, we believe, suggested that the Vicar of Great Yarmouth has a peculiar right to Easter offerings, by virtue of this old custom from the townfolk generally. Presumably this would be held to cover both "Christ's half-dole" and the town's half-dole, if only the former, clearly the fishing industry would be alone answerable.

The document sets out the contention that other fishing towns on the coast, as Cromer, Sheringham, Mundesley, and Salhouse had a right by custom to share what Yarmouth appropriated solely; hence the appeal to the Lord Keeper. Had the existence of this petition been known, and its contents noted, it would have thrown considerable light on controverted points, and may do so even now. It is important to note that the share in the half-part of "Christ's half-dole" was alleged, for the reasons stated, to be due to the curates of the towns interested in the voyage as well as to the parson of Great Yarmouth. It would be interesting to learn whether the statements of the masters and mariners of the East Coast towns that the ancient use and custom had been interrupted to their injury and that of their ministers, was upheld in the Chancery Court.

The judgment of the Ecclesiastical Court, of which the petitioners complain, in obliging them to pay their own personal tithe to their own

ministers while they had never received "Christ's half-dole," appears to have been a little unfair, after the manner of such decisions. Perhaps it was held that the "half-dole" was no true tithe, and that the tithes due to the ministers of their towns being in respect of ordinary goods, were to be rendered independently, and without reference to the non-payment of claims by others which, however just, remained unsatisfied.

The singular use in the document of the word *fare* ("herryng fare and mackrell fare"), A.S. *faran* = to go, to sail, etc., DUTCH, *varen*, is worth notice. The word has no place in Rye's *Glossary*, founded on Forby.

It would seem that it was upon herring and mackerel alone that the tithe (if a toll can be called a tithe) or "Christ's half-dole" was held to be payable.

1597. *Chancery Proceedings.* Eliz., S. 9/12.

To the Right Honorable Sir Thomas Egerton, Knight, Lord
Keeper of the Great Seale of England.

Humble Complayneinge sheweth unto your honorable good Lordshippe your daylie orator Robert Springolde, Robt. Hill, Thomas Fishman, William Taylor, Thomas Howsegoe, Andrewe Loose, and John Tompson, beinge Shipmasters and Adventurers for Fysheinge inhabitinge alonge the Sea Coste in the severall townes of Cromer, Sheringham, Mundesley, and Saltehowse in the County of Norfolk as well for themselves as for and in the name and behalfe of all other the Inhabitanes, being Shipmasters and Adventurers of the severall fysheinge of Iseland, North Seas, Herryng fare and Mackrell fare along the said Coste in the severall townes aforesaid As also of and in dyvers other townes alonge and nere the Sea Coste in the said County of Norff. That whereas All the saide townes are next adjoyneinge to the Sea Coste and the Inhabitanes therof have for the moste parte used and still doe use for the mayntenance and gettinge of ther liveinges to adventure upon the Seas in the Fysheinge voyages aforesaide, And doe alwayes or most commonlye use to take the voyages upon the saide adventures of Fysheinge at the toune of Greate Yarmouth in the said County of Norff. And very often and for the most parte in Barkes, shippes, and other vessells of the said toune of Greate Yarmouth, for that yt is A Haven toune and the greatest and Chefest toune of tradinge and marchandizeinge in all that coste, And the most fitt and Convenyent for ye purpose in all those partes. And also from the said voyages they have used to retorne home agayne thether wth the said shippes and vessells loaden wth such fyshe as in ther said voyages they have taken as well for the Commodetie of the Haven beinge (as is aforesaid) the best and most Convenyent in all those partes of the said Coste, As also for the more better and spedier utteraunce and sale of the said fyshe Upon wth ther retournes the said masters and owners of the said shippes and vessells and the said Adventurers

have alwayes used and still doe use at the said toun of Great Yarmouthe to accompt and reckon for the said voyage. And to devyde, share, and sett out by partes and shares called Doles to every one havinge parte in the saide Voyage his parte or portion of the fysh taken and gott in the said voyage According to the rate, quantety, and proportion of the venture w^{ch} he had in the said voyage, or to devyde and share the monye If the fyshe be before solde, Before w^{ch} ther devisiō y^t hath ever ben tyme out of mynde and wherof ther is no memory of man to the contrarye, used and accustomed by the Masters and Owners aforesaid, first to separate, devyde, sett, and laye out one share and Dole Commonly Called and knowne by the name of Christ's dole or mony for the said dole. Yf the Fyshe be solde as aforesaide, for and in respect of the Tythes of the whole vessell or shippe and of all the Fysh and venture in the same beinge w^{ch} said dole called Christe's dole or mony for the same soe beinge once separated and sett owt as is aforesaide, have alwayes tyme out of mynde ben used to be devyded and layde out in this manner followeing, that is to saye, the moyetie or one-half therof to the use of the said toun of Yarmouth, for and towards the reparations and mayntenaunce of the Haven. And the other moyetie or halfe parte therof have lykewise ben devyded betweene the Parson of Great Yarmouth Aforesaid in regard of his parte for tythe of the said shipp or vessell and for the venture of such inhabitantes of the said toun of Yarmouth as went in the said ship. And between the Parsons or Curates of the said severall townes before-mencyoned or of so many of the said townes wherof ther went Adventurers in the said vessell or shipp to every one of the said Parsons or Curates A proportionable parte of the said halfe Dole or mony for the same, for and in respecte of tythe to them due and of righte belongeing of such fysh as his or ther parishner had or gayned or ought to have by his or ther adventure in the saide voyage being as your said Orators have ben alwayes trulie informed and of late to ther greate chardge tryed a dutye payable unto them of mere right by the Ecclesiasticall lawes of this Realme as a personall tythe, and therefore ought to be payde to the Mynister, Parson, or Curate of the toun or Parishes wher the person or persons adventuringe are, or be resident and dwelling, and so hath alwayes tyme out of mynde bene by Auncient Custome payde by the Adventurers and allowed by the parsons of Greate Yarmouth aforesaide and ther predecessors quietly wthout Contradictions. And the lyke devisiō hath alwayes ben tyme out of mynde accustomed and used to be made and still is used to be made at and in the townes of Cromer and Lynne and other the rest of the porte, haven, or fysher townes along the said Coste wher suchlyke adventureing is used, in and upon the said Fysheing voyages as is before-mencyoned to be used in the said toun of Yarmouthe. But nowe so yt is yf yt may please your honorable Lordship that one James Osborne of Yarmouth aforesaide being nowe of late become fermour or lessee of the Parsonage of Greate Yarmouth aforesaide and beinge one who more respecteth his owne

pryuate gayne and Comodetie then a good Conscience, beinge combined and Confederated wth dyvers of the saide Masters and Owners of the said toune of Greate Yarmouth hath and doth gett into his handes all the saide Moyetie or halfe of the saide dole called Christe's Dole w^{ch} is partable and devydeable as aforesaid betweene him and the other Parsons and Curates of the said severall townes and parishes wher other the Adventurers in the said Shippes or Vessells doe dwell. And the same converteth wholly to his owne use and will not make or suffer to be made eny partition or devision therof nor will allowe eny parte therof to the said Ministers, Parsons, and Curates of the said severall townes and parishes aforesaide wher the saide Adventurers be resydent or dwelling for and in respect of the Parsonall tythe, of the said Adventurers as aforesaid as of right he ought and tyme out of mynde hath ben accustomed to be done and as by himselfe at his firste Cominge to the said toune of Greate Yarmouth, and by some space after was very well allowed wthout lett or gayn sayinge. Contrary to all equitie and Conscience beinge therunto Annymated and therein much ayded by the partiall and affectionate dealinge of dyvers the masters and owners of the ships of the toune of Yarmouth aforesaide, who alwayes making the accompt and recconyng for the whole adventure of the said voyage in the said ship or vessell doe alwayes first of all take and lay out the saide Dole Called Christe's Dole in fysh or mony as aforesaide and takeinge presently the one moyetie or halfe therof for and towards the reparations of the said Haven as they maye they the said Masters and Owners doe presently eyther delyver to the said James Osborne or his deputies the other moyetie or halfe therof, being devydeable amongst the Parsons, Mynisters, or Curates of the townes wher the severall adventurers are dwellinge or resident as aforesaid or ells doe retayne and kepe the same in ther owne handes and possession [for] the use of the said Osborne and will neyther delyver to the said Adventurers such parte or so much therof as is of right due to ther severall Ministers, Parsons, or Curates of the townes or parishes wherin they be dwellinge or resident* By means of w^{ch} injurious dealinge of the saide James Osborne and of the said masters and owners of the ships and vessells of Greate Yarmouth aforesaid many of your saide Orators being adventurers* said vessells colde not nor have not by the space of Twenty yeres now last past payd ther tythes to the ministers, parsons, and Curates of the severall townes and parishes wherin they are and have ben resident and dwellinge* Cause dyvers of the Mynisters, Parsons, and Curates of the severall townes and parishes before recyted wherin your Honors pore Orators ben dwellinge and resydent have Called and sued dyvers of your said Orators* Ecclasticall Courtes and ther have libelled against your saide Orators for such parte and so much of the said Moyetie of the said Dole Called Christe's Dole as unto them of right dyd belonge and have ben usually payde in regard* tythe for the Adventurers

* Torn away.

made by your said Orators In w^{ch} Ecclesiasticall Courtes (notwithstanding all the defence your Orators colde make) sentence hath ben gyven against them for the said Ministers* Curates to the greate hinderance, vexation, troble, and prejudice of your said Orators who by reason of this dealinge loose yearly more then they gayne by ther adventure And shall be and are lykely therfore to be constrayned* and gyve over adventuryng to the Seas w^{ch} will tend to the generall hurt and detryment not only of your said Orators but of the whole Country theraboutes yf some good order be not for the redresse there* taken and obteyned. In tender consideration* And specially it is a generall cause concerning a multitude bothe of ministers of the one syde and masters and marryners of the [other] syde. And by reason therof the Sutes and trobles w^{ch} wold arise theruppon wolde become infynite, may it please your good Lordship to graunt unto yor saide Orators her Majesties most gracious wrytt of Subpœna to the said James Osborne directed* And also forasmuch as the prooffe of the Auncyent use and Custome in the premisses dependeth wholly upon the testimony of dyvers auncyent and* persons who for their greate yeres and many infirmities are not able to travell nor lyke long to lyve. By whose death your Orators shold be much prejudiced Yf they shold not declare and sett dounse ther knowledge and testimony* lyves to order that the said James Osborne after his appearance and answer made and putt in may presently joyne in Commission w^{ch} yor Orators for the examination of Witnesses Concerning the premisses etc., etc.* And your said Orators shall according to ther duties praye, etc.

SOME SUFFOLK CHURCH NOTES. No. LXXV.

(continued from p. 246).

GREAT BEALINGS.

The church here is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and comprises chancel, nave with brick north porch and square west tower. Its principal features are now Perpendicular, but the chancel is Decorated, and contains a piscina with round corner-shaft of that period. The massive font with plain octagonal bowl, upheld by eight small columns surrounding a larger central one, is likewise of early date. Some glass of Decorated date, with running outline pattern, remains in a chancel south window. In the stonework above the porch door is carved this inscription in Gothic character, now somewhat defaced:—

Orate pro aīab; Thomē Sekford armigeri et Margaretæ | vxoris
eivs civis animab⁹ propicietvr devs. Amen.

And in the doorway spandrels are two shields:—1 (Erm.) on a fess (Gu.) three escallops (Arg.), *Seckford*; 2 (Arg.) a fess (Gu.) between three bugle horns (Sa., stringed Or), *Hunter*.

* Torn away.

The inner door of the porch is a good specimen of late Perpendicular carving, and contains three figures standing under canopies, one of whom has a paternoster or rosary at his waist.

Four bells are in the tower:—

MILES GRAYE MADE ME 1626.

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JOHN STEPHENS MADE ME 1720. HENRY YORK CHVRCHWARDEN.

PAGE & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1779. ROB^t YORK CH. WARDEN.

The old oak benches have good poppy heads. No brasses remain, but three old slabs show their matrices; a very long one in the nave floor bore figures of a man and his two wives, with two groups of children; there were shields in the corners of the stone and a border inscription with rosettes at the angles. Another stone contained a small effigy (probably to a priest wearing a doctor's cap) with inscription plate. The third shows the outline of a man in armour (*temp.* Hen. VII.) wearing his hair long, and had four corner shields. There is, besides, the matrix of a small inscription in the chancel. For many generations the Seckford family were resident in the parish, to whom some of these stones were probably memorials, but their only inscription remaining in the church is on an Elizabethan monument filling in the lower part of a nave south window:—

Parentibvs suis charissimis Thomæ Sekford de Sekford Armigero et | Margaritæ vxori eivs de filiabus Ioannis Wingfeld de Letheringham | militis. Thomas Sekford filivs, regiæ majestati a libellis supplicvm per | annos 25, observantiæ et pietatis ergo posvit, ætatis svæ 67 Anno Dñi 1583.

At the sides are:—

Obit pater | 30 Septembris | 1575 An^o ætatis | svæ 80.

Obit mater | 29 Octobris | 1557 | An^o ætatis | svæ 64.

In the centre of the tablet a large shield bears:—Quarterly, 1st, *Seckford*; 2nd, *Hunter*; 3rd, Chequy (? *Warren*); 4th, paly of six (Gu. and Or), a chief (Erm.), *Jenney*.

Over the top of the memorial a smaller shield is emblazoned with *Seckford*, quartering as above, impaling quarterly, 1st, *Wingfield*; 2nd, quarterly (Sa. and Or), *Boville*; 3rd, quarterly, first and fourth (Or), three bars (Gu.) and a canton (Erm.), *Gowzell*, second and third, Chequy (Or and Az.), *Warren*; 4th, *Wingfield*.

At the sides are small achievements, displaying the above shields of *Seckford* and *Wingfield* thus quartered, separately.

In the south wall, close by the altar, is a monument dated a few years later. Upon it demi-effigies of the deceased are placed beneath arched recesses, the lady being on her husband's right hand. They are placed looking forward into the church, each with hands joined in prayer, by a closed book. Over their heads is a shield:—Quarterly, 1st, *Clench*; 2nd (Arg.) on a bend cotised (Sa.) three escallops of the field, *Almot*; 3rd (Arg.) a chevron between three mullets (Gu.), *Cretings*; 4th, Barry of six (Or and Az.), in a canton (Arg.) a chaplet (Gu.), *Holme*.

Beside the lady is a smaller shield with her maiden arms of *Holme*; by her husband those of *Clench* unquartered; while on a fourth escutcheon placed between them the coats of *Clench* and *Holme* are impaled. On a marble panel below is this epitaph:—

Statutu est omnibus mori. | Hic iacet corpvs Iohannis Clenche
filiij secvndi | Iohannis Clenche nuper vnivs Ivsticiariorvm Dñæ
Reginæ | Elizabethæ ad placita coram ipsa Dña Regina tenenda |
assign: Vxorem dvxit Joannam filiam et heredem Rober: | Holme
defvnti, per qvam habvit filios qvatvor, Geor- | -givm, Iohannem,
Almorvm et Edmvdvm. Obijt 9^o die Aprilis | Anno Dñi 1628,
Annoq' Ætatis svæ 68. | Hic similiter sepvlta iacet corpvs predictæ
Joannæ quæ Obijt | primo die Decembris { Anno Dñi 1629^o |
Qvadraginto anno vinelo vixere ivgali. | Hi dvo concordēs Sors
opvlenta fvit. | Ara Dei; Templum; Miseris data mvnera clamant |
Stæmina dvn Lachesis traxit Amare Deum.

A marble ledger slab just below the altar rail has a sculptured shield:—(Gu.) a fess (Erm.) between three owls close (Or), *Webb*.

Henricus Webb Armiger obijt Ian. 13, | 1709. Ætat. 59. | Anna
Uxor Secunda obijt Oct. 12, 1703. Ætat. 36. | Thomas Filius natus
maximus obijt Nou. 12, | 1708. Ætat. 19.

A plain stone in the nave has been worn quite smooth in places, and states that:—

Here lies the Body of | Martha Humphrey Wife | to the Rev^d
Mr. Humphrey | of this parish. | Died April 16, 1791, | Aged 60.

How lov'd, how valued once, avails Thee not,

By whom remembered, or by whom forgot.

A heap of Dust alone remains of Thee,

'Tis what Thou art, and That which I shall be.

After 40 Years Pain & | Infirmitv from the Gout | here rests the
Body of the | Rev^d Will^m Dobyns Humphrey, | A.M., thirty Years
Rector of | this Parish, Aged 78. | Prepare to follow.

Near the font lies another stone with a worn shield upon it, but the charges are now illegible, except the coat of *Meadows*, with crest of a pelican in her piety. It records the burial of Martha Meadows, 1839, and Elizabeth Meadows, 1853.

On a tablet in chancel south wall are carved the bearings of *Meadows*, impaling (Gu.) an eagle displayed (Or), beaked, membered and ducally crowned (Arg.) within an orle of eight cross croselets (of the second), *Graves*. It commemorates the Rev^d Philip Pierrepont Meadows, curate of the parish, ob^t Jan. 17, 1835, aged 24; and the Rev^d Philip Meadows his father, rector of the parish upwards of 34 years, who died Decr. 18, 1837, aged 60, and is buried at Witnessham.

Another tablet is to Elizabeth, daughter of Rev^d Morgan Graves, M.A., rector of Redgrave with Botesdale and Hinderclay, and widow of the last-named Philip Meadows.

Another mural inscription is to Martha, daughter of James Deerhurst Sprigge, Clerk, LL.B., and wife of Daniel Charles Meadows, died April 8th, 1839, aged 28; and of James Sprigge Meadows, died an infant, March 25, 1839.

There are four tablets to the Moor family; north of the altar to Diana, wife of Edward James Moor, Clk., obt. Decr. 24th, 1827, aged 30, and Diana Elizabeth, their only daughter, June 11th, 1828, aged 15 months; Edward George their son, died at Madeira, Feb. 23, 1843, æt. 17; in the nave to Elizabeth, wife of Edward Moor, Decr. 13, 1835, aged 63, and to Edward Moor, Major in the Indian Army and J.P., Feb. 26th, 1848, aged 77.

The large west window is filled with stained glass in memory of Charlotte, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Moor, and wife of William Page Wood, Lord Hatherley, Lord High Chancellor, born Sept. 12th, 1804, died Novr. 19th, 1878. Lord Hatherley is himself buried in the Moor vault in the churchyard, and a brass plate in the reredos states that he was born Novr. 29, 1801, and died July 10, 1881.

A chancel window commemorates Harriet Jane Moor, died June 21, 1859, aged 42. Another window is in memory of Elizabeth Martha Round, Sept. 17th 1876, aged 74.

A marble tablet by a small chancel window is to Charlotte Olivia Alice, eldest daughter of Col. George Lee Chandler, R.A., died in her 20th year, May 26, 1883.

In the nave north window are three modern shields of arms:—

1. *Sackford*.
2. Quarterly, 1st and 4th (Or) a chevron (Gu.) between two crescents in chief, and an escallop in base (Az.), *Henniker*; 2nd and 3rd (Az.) three columns of the Corinthian order, on the top of each a ball (Or), *Major*.
3. (Gu.) a chevron (Erm.) between three pelicans vulned (Arg.), on a canton (Az.) a lion sejant (Or), and a label of three points in chief, *Meadows*.

(To be continued).

H. W. BIRCH.

NAMES ON GRAVESTONES IN SUFFOLK CHURCHYARDS.

(continued from vol. xii., p. 154).

GREAT THURLOW.

Abbott	Dearsley	Hubbard (of	Rollinson
Abra	Dobito	Melton	Rowlingson
Ambrose	Dowsett	Mowbray)	
Bainbridge	Farrow	Jeffrey	Sharpe
Boa	Fitch	Jonas	Snazell
Bowyer	Francis		Swan
Brand		Olley (of Carlton)	
Bullen	Gardner		Talbot
Bridgeman	Garrad	Palmer	Thompson
Canning	Golding	Payne	Traylen
Cawston	Gordan	Pearle	
Chapman		Purkis	Warren
Chinery	Hagger	Pryke	Wayman (Vicar)
Collins (surgeon)	Haney		Wiggins
Cornell	Haslop	Rawlinson	Woolard
Crick	Holmes	Robinson	Wootten

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MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS IN THE CHURCH OF
ST. BARTHOLOMEW, AT ORFORD, SUFFOLK.

No. III.

(concluded from p. 196).

X. *Smear*.—In the chapel (east end of south aisle) near the altar, on a slab of freestone:—

M.S. | Christopheri Smear,* B.A. | Ecclesiarum | de Sudbourne
cum capella de | Orford | et Chillesford | in hoc agros | Rectoris |
vixit annos LXI. | decessit XIV. cal. Decemb. | MDCCCXXI.

XI. *Brett*.—On the floor of the south aisle is a large flat stone with the arms: billety, a fess dancette (*Brett*), deeply incised, above this inscription:—

Interred beneath lyes the Body of | Allin Brett Esq^r who |
departed this life the 11th day of | Nov^r 1754, aged 52. | Interred
beneath also | lies the Body of | Thomas Brett † son of the | above-
named Allin Brett | who departed this life on | the 27th day of
January 1833. | Aged 93 years.

XII. *Bartlam*.—In the south aisle, westward of the last, is a flat stone inscribed:—

Here lyeth the Body | of Francis Bartlam ‡ Esq^r | who was
unfortunately drowned | in this river y^e 17th Aug^t 1776. | In the
41st year of his age.

XIII. *Edmonce*.—On the floor of the nave, eastward of the font, is a slab of freestone with this inscription round the edge:—

Here lyeth the Bodye | of Richard Edmonce who in the time of
his life was one of the Portmen | of this Towne of | Orford. He
departed this life the 25th of December 1620.

XIV. *Murray*.—On the floor, eastward of the last, on a flat stone is inscribed:—

Sacred | to the Memory of | Frances Murray | who died | the
11th day of October | MDCCXCIV. | Beloved | Esteemed | Lamented.

XV. *Harris*.—On the floor further east is a large flat stone:—

Here lyeth the Body of | Mrs. Rachel Harris | wife of Captⁿ
Jonathan Harris | who departed this life | ye 24th Feb. 1745. Aged 65.

XVI. *Warin*.—On the floor of the choir is a stone (which *Davy* describes as lying north and south), inscribed:—

Here lyeth buried the body of | Mary Warin who of a longe
tyme | was very weake and in the ende | departed this life the 16th of
Oct^r | Anno 1634, being aged 24 years. | Short was thy life | yet livest
Thou ever | Death has its due | yet dyest Thou never.

H. W. BILLING WAYMAN.

* He was of Caius College, Cantab., B.A., 1792. Instituted on his own petition to the Rectory of Chillesford, Co. Suffolk, in 1802, and to Sudbourne and Orford, on the presentation of the Crown through the influence of the Marquis of Hertford.

† He resided in the small mansion, erroneously called the Manor House, upon the Market Hill at Orford, and was the founder of a charity for poor widows at Orford, known as "Brett's Benevolence."

‡ A Portman of the Corporation of Orford.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES FROM THE FRENCH ROLLS,
REIGN OF HENRY VI.

- 1429-30.
Nov. 28. Protection to Robert Fraunceys of Cambridge, in the retinue of the Duke of Bedford.
- May 16. Protection to Geoffrey Sutton of Wexbeche, Cambridge, in the retinue of Wm. Porter, knight.
- „ 22. Protection to Robert Brygham of Cambridge, in the retinue of John Cobham, knight.
- „ 25. Protection to Em. Strete of Milrede, Cambridge, in the retinue of John, Lord de Tiptoft.
- „ Protection to John Sutton of Fulburn, Cambridge, in the retinue of John Radclif, knight.
- 1431-2.
Sept. Protection to Richard Bristowe of Cambridge, in the retinue of Richard Bokeland.
- 1435-6.
Jan. 16. Protection to Lewis de Coster of Wrotyng, Cambridgshire, alias of Portugal, in the retinue of Richard Westnesse.
- Nov. Protection to William Rown of Calais, alias of Cambridgshire, in the retinue of the Duke of Gloucester.
- March 8. Protection to Thomas atte Hoo of Cambridgshire, in the retinue of the Earl of Moreteigne.
- 1436-7.
Nov. 9. Protection to William Grey of Wisbeach, in the retinue of Thomas Stanley, knight, Lieutenant of Ireland.
- May Protection to Thomas Warrewyk of Cottenham, in the retinue of Lord de Wylughby.
- 1438-9.
Nov. 19. Protection to Henry Armesley of Ely, in the retinue of Thomas Kyryell, knight.
- Jan. 20. Letters of Attorney to Lewis [Archbishop of Rouen], Perpetual Administrator of the See of Ely.
- 1446-7.
Oct. 27. Appointment of Henry Beverley, on account of his services to the College of S. Mary and S. Nicholas, Cambridge, as Bedel of Oye, Calais, vice James Hankyn.
- 1449-50.
Dec. Protection to Lawrence Fayreclough, John Triplowe, senior and junior, and Thomas Triplowe, all of Lolworth, Cambridge, in the retinue of Christopher Barton.
- 1452-3.
June 16. Protection to Thomas Fyndern, knight, of Carleton, Cambridge, in the service of the King.
- 1454-5.
Nov. Protection to Thomas Fynderne, knight, late of Carleton, Cambridge, while acting as Lieutenant of Guisnes.
- 1456-7.
June Protection to Thomas Fynderne, knight, late of Carleton, Cambridge, Captain of Guisnes.
- 1457-8.
June Protection to John Bugge of Ely, in the retinue of John Marny, knight.

R. FREEMAN BULLEN.

COLEMAN'S CAMBRIDGESHIRE DEEDS. No. II.

(continued from p. 233).

Manor of Great Abington. } The view of frank pledge and court Baron of
 on Monday, Apl. 11th, 1659, before Thomas Cobb, gent., steward.

The homage found that James Higham, a customary tenant, died since the last court, that is to say, on 2nd July, 1658, and to this court comes Amy Smee, widow, his daughter, and produces her father's will dated as above, which contained these words: "Item, I give to Mary my wife all my household stuff, two milch cows and two hogges. To Joan Imbleton, my grandchild, twenty pounds of lawful money of England. To Josan Imbleton, my grandchild, thirty pounds. To Joan Smee, my grandchild, 100 pounds. To my grandchildren, Mary, Joane, Anthony, Martha, and William Ivatt, twelve pence a piece, all to be paid within a year of my death. To daughter Amy, the tenement in Great Abington where I now dwell, with all belongings and all my arable land, a close of pasture called Hobbs, and another called Townsend Close." Amy Smee is admitted to the above, and also to nine acres called Bredland, a messuage and nine acres called Bayleys, a close at townsend called Smitts, eighteen acres of copyhold land called Freeberds once in occupation of John Springgold.

The fine is not stated.

1663. June 2nd. John Coleman of Great Abington, husbandman, and Lettice his wife, grants to Richard Embleton of Great Abington, yeoman, for £30, three acres of arable land. One acre abuts on Wittlesford Way between Roger Bittin and Thomas Amye; one acre called Pitt acre on the path from Pampisford to Lynton; one acre in Westfield, a great bush grows on a baulke on the E. side thereof, abuts N. on the river, and S. on the way from Babram to Abington.

Marks of John and Lettice. No seals.

1663. Sept. 1. Between Elizabeth Bennett of Great Abington, widow, of one part, and Henry Westley of G. A., husbandman, of the other, concerning 164 acres arable land, the great closes 40 acres, close near the grove, 15 acres meadow in Broad meadow and Church meadow, the part of the home close yet remaining pasture 4 acres, Hall Row meadow, pasturage of the old Grove for horses only, the lower yard of the manor house* and the lower barn in that yard, reserving all timber except hedgebote in Abington Grove, and free ingress and egress to the Mault house. Leased for three years at £89. 16s. 8d. Westley covenants to feed the pigeons of Elizabeth at his own costs and charges, at such times as shall be necessary that the same be not prejudiced, to use all hay and straw produced on the land as fodder, to provide her with sufficient manure for her orchards and gardens, and if she shall let the manor house or live in

* This manor house is now known as Abington Hall. It was the only large house in the village in 1662. It contained twenty-three fireplaces, and only one other house contained as many as four fireplaces.

it herself during the time of the lease, he shall give up such parcels of land which usually go with the house, getting a proportionate reduction of rent.

Signed, Henry Westley. No seal.

1730. Oct. 24th. Thomas Sanders of Cambridge, gent., Richard Hasell of St. George the Martyr, Midds., Esquire, devisee of Edmund Miller, late of Serjeants' Inn, sergeant-at-law (trustee of Catherine Lillie, late of Westminster, spinster, deceased) of one part, and Thomas Western of Great Abington, Cambs., Esquire, of the other, concerning messuage in G. A., where John Smee dwelt, and a close of 2 acres next to it, the close called Hobbs, 40 acres of arable land formerly John Smee's, the freehold messuage in L. A., formerly in occupation of James Rosse, and about 80 acres of arable land called Willinghams, a messuage called Trinity, and a close called Bailies adjoining. Lease for a year.

1827. Sept. 17th. Copy of the will of Mr. William Baddams of Great Abington.

[Undated, probably 18th century], a terrier of Braham Hall Manor, in St. Mary's parish, Ely.

"A large boarded barn consisting of six bays, thatched, with a stable at the east end."

1695. June 2. Probate copy of will of Thos. Gray of Bassingbourn. To daughters Anne and Whale Gray, small house. To brother-in-law Henry Waller of B., gent., and to my s.-in-law Thos. Revell, the house and orchard where he dwells, to be sold to pay his debts. To his children, Thos., John, Anne, and Whale, his implements of husbandry, etc.

1659. Jan. 12th. Lease for a month from Jan. 11, 1659, by James Nutley of Middle Temple, Esq^r, to Christopher Barnard, gent., of Caxton.

"That void plot of ground whereupon a certain messuage or Inne called the George,* late demolished, sometymes stood in Caxton next the tenement belonging to the vicar of Great Gransden called the Starr towards the N., and the almshouse of Caxton to S., one head abutting on the Kings Highway."

1615. Nov. 4. Bestney Betts of Chatteris, Esq., and John Betts, gent., his brother, sell to Symon Bennett of Swyneshead, Hunts, gent., for £1900, the Rectory of Chatteris and all fees belonging, a close of 20 acres called Wylley close, reserving the advowson and tithes of the scite or demesne lands of Nun's Manor.

1634. Probate copy of will of Thos. Burgesse of Benewicke, I. of E. To wife Ann, the house called Betts, hir house as long as she liveth; also halfe my great boate called a liter, and the other half to Thos. Burgesse my son. To Thos., 2 cows; to his eldest d^r, one cupboard, which standeth in the parlour. To his d^r Mary, the bed standing in

* The present George Inn must have been built about this time. It is called a Jacobean building by antiquaries.

the parlour; both these after wife's decease. To son Thos., all that sley reads in Romane Quina his yarde. Father Roger mentioned wife Annis, exec. and residuary. Made 26 Apl., proved 24 June, 1634.

1655. Probate copy of will of Robert Smyth of Benwick. To children, Annis and Sarah Smith, £5, to be paid on feast day of the Annunciation of our blessed Lady ye Virgin, 1607 (*sic*); to unborn child, £5, each legacy to go to survivor. To eldest dñ, my standinge bed and all things belonging. To 2nd, dñ, ye cubberd w^{ch} standeth by my bed whereon I now lye. Remainder to wife Annis. To godson John Coles, an ewe and a lamb. These are my debts. To Robert Turkie of Ramsey, £5. To Mun. Lowen of March, £8. There is owing to me by Walter Fay, 14^s 6^d. Dated 28 Aug., 1655.

1738. Probate copy of will of W^m Marling of Barrington, cordwainer. To wife Rebecca, household goods and house at B. while she lives. To cousin John Brock of Shepreth, his house at B. after wife's death, and all residue. Money legacies to members of Brock family. 10 May, 1738.

1648. A Cambridge indenture mentions "one ley lying near Parker's piece."

1652. Probate copy of will of John Schirwood, alderman, of Cambridge,

Dau. Anne, wife of Robert Robson of C., £10.

" Edith, " W^m Kelsey, Baker " C., £10.

" Sara, " M^r Skelton " C., £2 to buy a ring.

" Marg^t, " M^r Sabur " C., £2 " "

" Elizab. " M^r Askue " C., £2 " "

" Frances, " M^r Bugg " C., £2 " "

To wife Mary, lease of Merton College, lands, etc. To son John, £150 at 21. 40/- to poor of St. Giles'. 10/- to poor of St. Peter's.

1753. Probate copy of will of Sowersby Smith of Cambridge, Hatter. Mentions "that copyhold close of pasture called 'Meeting house' Close in Barrington, Camb."

CATHARINE PARSONS.

W. M. PALMER.

(*To be continued*).

RECORDS OF THE COURT OF STAR CHAMBER.

SUFFOLK, *temp.* HENRY VIII. No. III.

(*continued from p. 255*).

Plaintiff and Defendant.	Subject.
John Lynde v. John Gyrlyng	Injuries and wrongs. Bdle. 23, Nos. 63, 150.
Margaret Wythe v. Robert Wyth, John Wyth, and others	Messuage and land in Helmyngham. Bdle. 23, No. 128 (1546-47).

Plaintiff and Defendant.	Subject.
Wm. Willoughby <i>v.</i> Robt. Pawlyn, John Maryott, John Pye, Robt. Pertryche, and Matthew Ferroure	Liberties of the town of Orford. Bdle. 23, No. 133.
Margaret Wythe, widow, <i>v.</i> Wm. Twaytys, Thos. Wood, John Lynge, and others	Manor of Winston and tithes of the parsonage of Wynston. Bdle. 23, No. 139.
John Lynde <i>v.</i> Richard Quarten, bailiff of Bungay	Abuse of office. Bdle. 23, No. 153.
John Lynsey <i>v.</i> John Edmundes, Robt. Bardwell, Geoffrey Edmundes, and Wm. Edmundes	Conspiracy. Bdle. 23, No. 158 (1544-45).
John Lysse <i>v.</i> Symond Edmondess	Shipping of wheat, malt, and candles contrary to Proclamation. Bdle. 23, No. 183 (1543-44).
Margaret Wythe <i>v.</i> Wm. Thwaytes, Robt. Weymonde, John Alyn, Humphrey Tomlyn, John Lynge, and Thos. Awood	The Manor of Wynston with the tithe, corn, belong- ing to the parsonage there. Bdle. 23, No. 189.
Margaret Wythe <i>v.</i> John Wyth	Lands called Bokking fields. Bdle. 23, No. 200 (1546-47).
Sir John Wyseman <i>v.</i> Joan Sherman, Joan Dickon, Margaret Hege, John Calfe, Edward Hawke, Nicholas Buskard, John Tourrould, and John Nunne	Riotous assembly and assault. Bdle. 23, No. 206 (1531-32).
Sir John Wyseman <i>v.</i> Thos. Tyrell, Wm. Garsyngton, Wm. Dey, Thos. Geffreyson, Thos. Cowper, Simon Braxsted, Wm. Brett, Robt. Gryffyth, Wm. Geffreyson, and others	Field in Thorneham called Swartsaw field. Bdle. 23, No. 221 (1523-24).
Thos. Tyrell <i>v.</i> Sir John Wyseman, Wm. Wyseman, John Coverdale, Walter Oswoode, John Tryppe, and John Wyt	Tithes within the Manor of Swatteshawe. Bdle. 23 No. 222 (1523-24).
Wm. Heron <i>v.</i> Sir John Geynsford, John Cage, John Sennowe, John Martyn, and others.	Messuage, tenement, and garden in Sudbury. Bdle. 23, No. 241.
Thos. Smythe <i>v.</i> Thos. Mannyng, Prior of Butley	Messuage and land. Bdle. 23, No. 289 (1531-32).
Augustyne Fysshier <i>v.</i> Richard Quartyne, bailiff of Bungay	Abuse of office. Bdle. 23, No. 301.
Thos. Fuller <i>v.</i> Richard Wharton, bailiff of Bungay	Abuse of office of baly. Bdle. 23, No. 306 (1514-15).

Plaintiff and Defendant.	Subject.
Wm. Dunstropp otherwise Grewyn <i>v.</i> John Jerard, Thos. Horseman, John Davyson, and Thomas Asche	Customs relating to holding of land or tenements, rents, etc., in Bury St. Edmund's. Bdle. 24, No. 8 (1537-38).
Robert Crane <i>v.</i> Thos. Cornwaltes, parson of the parish of Franston	Seduction of plaintiff's wife. Bdle. 24, No. 20.
Thomas Fenymere and John Heywarde <i>v.</i> John Waller	Assault. Bdle. 24, No. 25.
Thos. Smyth <i>v.</i> Thos. Mannying, Prior of Butley, and others	Forceible entry. Bdle. 24, No. 52.
Awestyn Fysher <i>v.</i> Richard Warton	Misappropriation of money. Bdle. 24, No. 73.
Francis Jenney <i>v.</i> Thos. Nottingham	A bill obligatory, extorted from plaintiff by threats. Bdle. 24, No. 78.
John Barker <i>v.</i> James Mauwode, and others	Forceible entry. Bdle. 24, No. 251.
Wm. Waller, Joan his wife, John Witmore, and Nicholas Whytmore, <i>v.</i> John Pelley, Allen Pelley, John Brasyer, and John Wygsell	Riot. Bdle. 24, No. 257.
Henry Gilberd <i>v.</i> Robt. Jower, Henry Jower, Thos. Smyth, Grace Crosse, and Joan Crosse	Messuage and land in the Much Fynborowe. Bdle. 24, No. 352.
Thos. Fuller <i>v.</i> Rich. Wharton	Wrongful impounding cattle of tenants of Bungay. Bdle. 24, No. 409.
Walter Fysse <i>v.</i> Rich. Varle, Robt. Joure, and others	Copyhold house at Stowmarket. Bdle. 24, No. 417.
John Grosse, John Ulffe, and other inhabitants of Theberton <i>v.</i> George, Abbot of Leiston, Thos. Browne, Thos. Perce, Robt. Fyske, Whighte Chanon, and Wm. Cryspe	Common of pasture in Leiston and Theberton. Bdle. 25, No. 4 (1533-34).
Symon Stansby <i>v.</i> Rich. Wright, Wm. Corbold, John Hasyll, John Ranson, and Wm. Aleyn	False imprisonment. Bdle. 25, No. 26 (1528-29).
Wm. Luther <i>v.</i> John Harman, Rich. Baron, Robt. Howlett, Wm. Abraham, Robt. Byrde, Harry Brooke, Walter Cuttyng, and others	Riotous assembly at Eyke. Bdle. 25, No. 29 (1530-31).
John Stubbe and John Claxton <i>v.</i> John Fleccher and Wm. Smyth	Close of land in Cokley. Bdle. 25, No. 57.
John Girlyng <i>v.</i> Philip Southall and others	Perjury. Bdle. 25, No. 101.
John Lynde <i>v.</i> John Girling	Vexatious prosecution. Bdle. 25, No. 112.

Plaintiff and Defendant.	Subject.
Sir Robt. Clere and Wm. Eyre v. Sir Robt. Curson and Anne his wife	Title to the manors of Westylton, Westhale, & Thornington. Bdle. 25, No. 144.
Wm. Dowsyng, John Wasse, John Lynde, and John Goldsmith v. Richard Wharton	Extortion. Bdle. 25, No. 148.
Philip Southall v. John Gyrlyng and others	Taking of two sheep. Bdle. 25, No. 179.
Agnes Denny v. Thos. Punt and others	Arson. Bdle. 25, No. 216.
Wm. Luter v. John Harman . . .	Messuage and land in Tunstall, leased to John and Wm. Loveness. Bdle. 25, No. 309.
John Stubbe and John Claxston v. John Fleccher and Wm. Smyth	Assaults in Cokeley. Bdle. 26, No. 56.
Sir Robt. Clere and Wm. Eyre v. Sir Robert Curson	Custody of manors of Westylton and Westhall. Bdle. 26, No. 83 (1521-22).
Francis Warner and others v. John Crapnell or Cracknell	Extorting money by threats. Bdle. 26, No. 157.
Wm. Parke v. Geo. Swynborne . . .	Lands and tenements in Bury, Burgate and Redgrave, bequeathed by Isabel Mannok, widow, to Richard and Eliz. Harward. Bdle. 26, No. 203.

(To be continued).

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REPLY.

FASTING AMONG THE QUAKERS (p. 236).—The subject is one of some interest, and merits investigation. We believe the new part of the *Friends' Historical Society Journal* will contain new information in this direction. In *The Diary of the Rev. Ralph Josselin* (Vicar of Earls Colne, Essex), 1616—1683, is the following:—

“1656. April 11. Heard this morning that James Parnel, the father of these Quakers in these parts, having undertaken to fast forty days and nights was found dead; he was by Jury found guilty of his own death, and buried in y^e Castle yard (Colchester).”

Parnel's death, it appears, occurred at the close of a ten day's fast and exposure. A letter sent by Fleetwood ordering Parnel's release arrived too late to save him. It would be interesting to learn whether fasting among the Quakers was confined to the Eastern Counties. Evelyn clearly refers to Parnel, who “perished on the 10th day.”

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